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## **IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (Currently Amended) An electro-medical system comprising:
  - a container including an electrical device therein;
  - a porous first covering over the container, wherein the porous first covering includes expanded-matrix ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene macromolecule that has an average molecular weight in a range from about 100,000 to about 5,000,000, and wherein the porous first covering includes a porous communication to the container.
- 2. (Canceled)
- 3. (Original) The electro-medical system of claim 1, the system further including:

  a lead including a proximal end that is coupled to the container, a lead body, and a distal end including an electrode, wherein the electrode is covered with a porous second covering.
- 4. (Original) The electro-medical system of claim 1, wherein container is completely covered in the porous first covering.
- 5. (Original) The electro-medical system of claim 1, the system further including:
  a lead including a proximal end that is coupled to the container, a lead body, and a distal end including a coil, wherein the coil is covered with a porous second covering.
- 6. (Original) The electro-medical system of claim 1, the system further including:

  a lead including a proximal end that is coupled to the container, a lead body, and a
  distal end, wherein at least two of the proximal end, the lead body, and the distal end are
  covered with a porous second covering.

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7. (Original) The electro-medical system of claim 1, the system further including:

a lead including a proximal end that is coupled to the container, and a distal end including an electrode, wherein the electrode is covered with a porous second covering; and

wherein at least one of the porous first covering and the porous second covering includes a pore structure that repels *in vivo* fibrotic tissue ingrowth.

- 8. (Original) The electro-medical system of claim 1, the system further including:
  - a lead including a proximal end that is coupled to the container, and a distal end including an electrode;
    - a dielectric coating over the proximal end; and
    - a porous second covering over the electrode.
- 9. (Original) The electro-medical system of claim 8, wherein the dielectric coating is selected from inorganics, silicone rubber, polyurethane, polytetrafluoro ethylene, fluoro polymers, and polyolefins.
- 10. (Original) The electro-medical system of claim 1, wherein the system further includes a plurality of leads.
- 11. (Original) The electro-medical system of claim 1, the system further including:
  - a lead including a proximal end that is coupled to the container, and a distal end including an electrode, wherein the electrode is covered with a porous second covering, and wherein the porous second covering is selected from expanded ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene, a porous fluropolymer, a porous poly tetrafluoroethylene, a porous polyester, a porous polyurethane, a porous polyamide, and combinations thereof.

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12. (Original) The electro-medical system of claim 1, wherein the container houses an electrical device, selected from a cardiac pacemaker, a cardiac defibrillator, a neurostimulator, and a

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13. (Original) The electro-medical system of claim 1, wherein the container houses a monitor.

14. (Original) The electro-medical system of claim 1, wherein the container houses a monitor with a functionality selected from blood pressure, temperature, oxygen, at least one blood sugar, at least one lipoprotein, at least one blood gas, insulin, at least one electrolyte, heart rate, respiration, and a combination of at least two thereof.

15. (Original) The electro-medical system of claim 1, wherein the porous first covering over the container is disposed over a dielectric coating, and wherein the dielectric coating causes the container to be one selected from an insulated container and a hot can.

16. (Currently Amended) An electro-medical system comprising: a lead including a lead proximal end, a lead body, and a distal end including electrical communication selected from an electrode, a wire, and a coil, wherein the porous covering includes an expanded-matrix ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene macromolecule that has an average molecular weight in a range from about 100,000 to about 5,000,000, wherein the lead includes a porous covering that includes a porous communication to the lead, and wherein the porous covering includes a pore structure that repels *in vivo* fibrotic tissue ingrowth.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) The electro-medical system of claim 16, the system further including:
a container that is coupled to the lead, wherein the container is covered with a
porous first covering, and wherein the porous covering on the lead is a porous second
covering.

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- 19. (Original) The electro-medical system of claim 16, the system further including: a dielectric coating over at least one of the proximal end and the lead body.
- 20. (Original) The electro-medical system of claim 19, wherein the dielectric coating is selected from inorganics, silicone rubber, polyurethane, polytetrafluoro ethylene, fluoro polymers, and polyolefins.
- 21. (Original) The electro-medical system of claim 16, wherein the lead is one of a plurality of leads.
- 22. (Currently Amended) An electro-medical system, comprising:
  - a container including an electrical device;
  - a dielectric coating over the container;
  - a passage through the dielectric coating to form an exposed portion of the container; and
  - a porous first covering over the exposed portion of the container, wherein the porous first covering includes <u>an</u> expanded<u>-matrix</u> ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene <u>macromolecule that has an average molecular weight in a range from about 100,000 to about 5,000,000</u>.
- 23. (Canceled)
- 24. (Original) The electro-medical system of claim 22, the system further including:
  - a lead including a proximal end that is coupled to the container, a lead body, and a distal end including an electrode, wherein the electrode is covered with a porous second covering.

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25. (Original) The electro-medical system of claim 22, the system further including:

a lead including a proximal end that is coupled to the container, a lead body, and a distal end including an electrode, wherein at least two of the proximal end, the lead body, the distal end, and the electrode are covered with a porous second covering.

26. (Original) The electro-medical system of claim 22, the system further including:

a lead including a proximal end that is coupled to the container, and a distal end including an electrode, wherein the electrode is covered with a porous second covering; and

wherein at least one of the porous first covering and the porous second covering has a pore structure that repels *in vivo* fibrotic tissue ingrowth.